

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 20-22 and 25-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Shuichi. Claims 23-24 and 20-28 were rejected as allegedly obvious over Shuichi in view of Hirofumi. Applicants respectfully traverse.

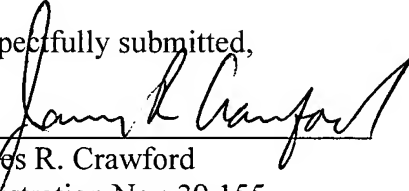
It is not believed that either reference discloses that the angle alpha is calculated according to the equation set forth at page 5 of the application, now incorporated into the presently pending claims.

In view of the foregoing, allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0624, under Order No. NY-CERA 238-US.

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